

**SUNDAY MASSES**

(All in Main Church)

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 & 11 a.m.

Holy Days as announced.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(All in Historic Church)

Monday-Friday at 9 a.m.

ADORATION

(In Historic Church)

Tuesday 9:30-6 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

(In Main Church)

Friday 8-8:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Any time by appointment.

The Transfiguration of The Lord***AUGUST 6, 2017***

This week, we celebrate a real milestone in the discipleship of three of the chief Apostles: Peter, James and John. Jesus calls just these three to the mountain and, in their presence, unveils his glory. He appears to them as transfigured, his body glorified, his garments as light and, as central in importance, in the company of Moses and Elijah.

It is actually just a happy coincidence that this feast lands on a Sunday this year. The Transfiguration is always on the 6th of August. Especially in my own preparation, this celebration proves a truly providential moment that acts as a turning point in this recent curriculum on the kingdom and discipleship; from here the focus shifts to the more intimate call to know and walk with Christ as a close friend, not from afar as a stranger.

For this reflection, I will expound on two of the words that have been guiding my own prayer, as they come to a culmination in this week's Gospel. The words to keep in mind are "the Kingdom" and "worthy," as we intersect this life-changing encounter with Jesus upon the mount of Transfiguration.

As an aside, please be aware that each of the parables Jesus proposes are worth volumes. Here they will be dramatically oversimplified, according to how they have impacted my own prayer these many weeks.

On the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus began this catechesis on the Kingdom of God, by offering a first parable of the sower who casts seed liberally in a field where seed landed on various types of soil. Perhaps the best lesson to glean, in just a few short words, is that it is at once easy to be exposed to the Good News and yet fail to receive the gift of faith. Many are the traps and snares for the seeds of the Kingdom that prevent it from germinating.

The following week, Jesus presents several parables to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom on earth. 1) The sower whose field is sabotaged with weeds: God does not wish to tear out the weeds, so as to preserve the growing wheat, but will judge between the weeds and wheat after the harvest. 2) The mustard seed: when we find faith, the Kingdom of God is a great comfort and shelter. 3) The yeast: as the Kingdom is spread through the dough of humanity, it brings lightness and goodness to all the loaf.

Just last Sunday, then, Jesus tells the parables of the

treasure buried in a field and of the pearl of great price. To me, these both speak of finding a great treasure, and thus the second message about discipleship, and that second word I mentioned earlier, "worthy." In these two parables, the man finds something of such great value, that he sells all he has to buy that priceless treasure.

When we find such a thing, we would sooner die than go without that pearl of great price. It is of such value, so great in its beauty, that nothing could be demanded of us that we would withhold to gain the pearl. Now "worthy" is very different from "worth it," a phrase we use with flippancy and often sarcasm. "Worthy" evokes a certain gravity, a serious accounting of what has been done and found to be of tremendous value.

When it comes to God, we must recognize just how desperate we are to obtain the treasure of the Kingdom. Once we understand that, our response rises from a kind of glad assent to willing foolishness for the sake of obtaining the prize of intimacy with God. So full is his friendship, so comprehensive his acceptance of us, so warm his love, there could be nothing to compare with knowing him. You might recall much of the song I sang last weekend, "Faithful to Your Call," by Jim Cowan drew this together.

This brings us to today's feast where Christ reveals himself in his divine glory to Peter, James and John. After these weeks of education on the kingdom, its nature and its value through the eyes of these most privileged of disciples, we see the pearl of great price; we are shown the worthy treasure buried beneath the ordinary soil of humanity. In Jesus, we see the Kingdom enfleshed. In him, we see the hope for the cure of the sickness of our souls.

Like Peter, we can only exclaim in our bewilderment, "Lord, it is good that we are here." (Matthew 17:4) The subsequent step in this intensive discipleship crash course comes next week, when the Lord turns it all back on us: Jesus, walking on water, no less, commands us simply, "Come."

David Dunst
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YOUTH NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL 2017-2018

Sunday School and Grades 1-8

As your child(ren) get ready to head back to school, please remember to register for Religious Education! Sunday School and Religious Education for Grades 1-8 registration is available online by going to St. Peter's website and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2017 - 2018 and follow the directions located there. **The registration deadline was May 15. Registrations will now be charged a late fee.**



Perissos/Confirmation

Do you have a high school teen looking to be involved in our high school youth group called Perissos? Paper registration forms are available on the info table or can be downloaded from our website. All high school youth are welcome to participate and **active participation is required for those preparing for Confirmation in June of 2018.**

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Submit via website, to Mary LeClair
(maryleclair62@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Kathleen Fink. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.



WEDDING BANNERS

Second Proclamation

Michael Janicki and Kathy Stauble
and
William Maher and Anne Dancy



HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for **FREE** tours every Sunday through Labor Day, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter @StPetersMendota.



ALPHA SIGN UPS BEGIN AUGUST 19



Alpha is coming to St. Peter's in September. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It will run from September 18 through December 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center.

Alpha consists of a meal, a talk and small group discussion. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. It is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus.

Sign ups will begin August 19, on St. Peter's website. You may also sign up after all Masses on August 19 and 20, and on August 26 and 27.

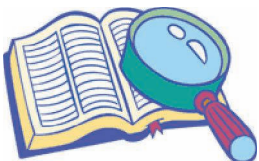
Mark your calendars and join us! Space is limited to 50 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or at lreding1@aol.com.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: JESUS APPROACHES

Join local author and speaker, Elizabeth M. Kelly, in an eight-week women's Bible study based on her new book, *Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn About Healing, Freedom and Joy From the Women of the New Testament*.

The sessions are on Tuesdays, from September 19 through November 14, and include a lecture and small group discussion. This study is offered at two locations: a morning study with limited childcare available at St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and an evening Bible study at St. Peter's in Mendota, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no session at either location on October 31. The cost is \$60 per person. Visit www.rediscover-faith.org for more information. Register soon, as space is limited.

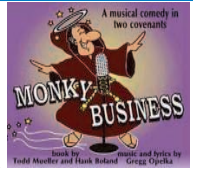
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ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Our next group trip is scheduled! Join us on Friday, September 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will spend the afternoon at Day Trippers Theater in Bloomington, where we will enjoy a beautiful lunch and take in the matinee showing of "Monky Business: A Musical Comedy in Two Covenants."



The fun-loving monks of Saint Bernard's Monastery are in a jam. Abbot Costello and his four beleaguered brethren have just learned that a real-estate developer is about to turn their monastery into a gambling hall called Bernie's Casino Royale. Unless the merry Men in Brown can raise \$250,000 dollars by midnight, they are done for. Luckily, the Brothers have a divine plan. Good and evil race to beat a midnight deadline in this hilarious hit musical.

Cost per person is \$55; space is limited. To register, please stop by the office or contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

NEIGHBORS FOOD SHELF

Hello Everyone! Is your garden growing? Remember that if you have extra produce, we can use it at the food shelf. Most of our clients don't have a space to garden. Your home grown vegetables are the best thing they see all year!

The summer is a "dry spell" for food donations. We are all busy going to the lake or enjoying the warm weather, so it's easy to forget that some folks are still struggling to make it. The need does not diminish. The food shelf always sees increased visitors in the summer, and this year is no exception.

On August 7, the boy Scouts will be doing a neighborhood food drive in West St. Paul. Look for a bag and note a few days before, and then you can just leave your food out, and they will pick it up. They are not covering the entire city. If you live outside the food drive area, the food shelf is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed from 12:15 to 1 p.m. each day. We are located at 222 Grand Avenue West, in South St. Paul.

If you have an old suitcase that you don't use anymore, please bring it to the food shelf. Our shoppers who are on foot or take the bus could use it to bring their groceries home.

Most needed items:

Soap, toilet paper, baking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, mixes), baked beans and tomato soup.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass:

Monday, August 7	† George Zirnhelt
Tuesday, August 8	Al Mayers
Wednesday, August 9	† Lori Mularky
Thursday, August 10	† Jack Conway
Friday, August 11	† Gerry Gutzmann
Saturday, August 12	† Brent Baskfield
Sunday, August 13, 9 a.m.	Mass For The People
11 a.m.	† Jade Elizabeth Fish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: AUGUST 7

Monday, August 7

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

Tuesday, August 8

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church

9:45 am Summer Bible Study, Classroom 10

Wednesday, August 9

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

9:30 am Sharing and Caring Hands, Off Campus

Thursday, August 10

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, August 11

8 am Confession, Main Church

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

Saturday, August 12

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1

3:30 pm Confession, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

6 pm Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

Sunday, August 13

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

10 am Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

11 am Mass, Main Church

12 pm Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church



This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where He reveals His Divinity to them. We make that same ascent each time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Savior desires to reveal Himself to us, as we open our hearts to His presence in all the moments of our lives.

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing The Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace is a five-day retreat fully centered upon the healing love of Jesus Christ. It is for anyone who has suffered physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. This effective model of care provides a powerful therapy for the soul. Our next local G2G Retreat is scheduled for August 20 - 25. For more information or to answer your questions, please visit www.griegtograce.org or contact Diane at diane@griegtograce.org or 612-440-7247.



A past attendee commented, *"I was fascinated by the retreat and speechless at the depth of the growth and healing it facilitated."* *"He walks with me and my wounds are sacred to Him. He weeps with me and for me."*

HELP NEEDED WITH LOAVES AND FISHES: FEEDING THE HOMELESS



Every other month, parishioners prepare and serve a hot meal to those who most need it.

We are looking for at least three new cooking team members. Please consider becoming part of our ministry team!

If you are looking for new ways to be involved in caring for God's beloved poor, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304. You will have plenty of training and guidance!

RCIA

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer, even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all important factor is that you are before the Lord - before Him who knows you inside and out. He reads your innermost thoughts, and He still loves you immensely. Imagine that! St. John Vianney once compared adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.



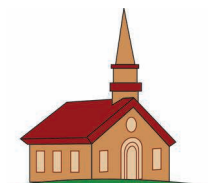
If you are concerned about committing to once a week, consider pairing up with another person or family and share an hour. Some weeks you may both be there, deepening your bonds of friendship in a special way. In other weeks, just one of you may be there.

You have an opportunity to take in the grace and warmth of Jesus, here at St. Peter's! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. To schedule your hour of adoration, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. You may also complete a registration card, found in the Gathering Space.



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

St. Peter's is seeking commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound, as well as to serve in nursing homes in our community. Candidates for this ministry are those in our parish who are already commissioned or are eligible for commissioning, have a compassion for those who may be suffering, a friendly and warm disposition, a deep love of Jesus Christ and a desire to bring the incredible gift of Christ in the Eucharist to our sisters and brothers. Training is provided; times and days are flexible. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



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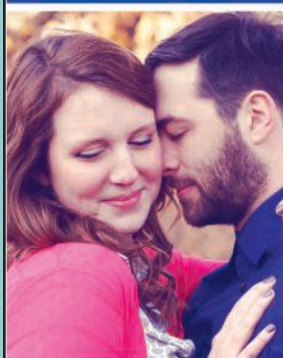
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